

Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council

Minutes of meeting July 4th 2011

Present: C Wildman (chairman) P Dewhurst (acting Clerk)

Councillors: I Swales, A Bradley

Observing: S Marshall (NYDC), A Sutcliffe (CDC), J Tod, E Tod

1) **Public questions**

Raised by J Tod - Litter bins – reported an out of hand quantity of rubbish arose in the village toilet public rubbish facility over the recent busy tourist period (photographic evidence provided). A review of deposited waste has concluded that 2/3rd of the waste could have been recycled.

JT proposal to address the issue of tourism waste is to invest in clear recyclable waste facilities or to remove all public waste bins.

Points raised that removal of all waste bins causes tourists to dispose all manner of waste in house holders property bins irrelevant of recycling, rather than the YDNP policy of tourists taking home litter.

The issue of the village recycling point moved from the Buck Inn to the Malham Youth Hostel was not widely known amongst locals or tourists, signage to promote the YHA recycling was against the current KMPC ethos of minimising unsightly signage around the Dale.

The Parish Council discussed viewing the bin facilities in daylight to assess village/tourism needs.

2) **Apologies:-** P Wherity, N Heseltine

3) **Minutes of last meeting** were passed prop PD, sec. AB

4) **Matters arising –**

- NH pursuing matters with respect to the appearance of The Cove Centre.
- Discussions arising between PD and Sgt. Moorhouse of Settle Police address points in relation to police view of villagers inappropriate use of cones on public highways and possible solutions to dangerous tourism parking. Parking solutions suggested by Sgt Moorhouse are to create a village car park sufficient to cater for the capacity required on days that the Hudson car park field, currently operated on selected days each year, is closed. Alternatively Sgt Moorhouse suggested the removal of double yellow lines, increasing parking on both sides of the road which would also in turn reduce traffic speed into the village.
- Road repairs on The Brow. No further correspondence received re proposed date of works, however SM confirmed that a night closure had been accepted.

5) **Council matters –** No changes

6) **County Councillors** report –The mobile library will be discontinued imminently.

SM has the list of delegated authorities.

Reference made to planning amendments to the Orchid House.

Peter Watson, the Head of Planning, is leaving.

7) **Planning**

- Decisions by YDNP
Orchid House application approved conditionally.
- New Applications.
Replacement of current wooden windows at Malham Youth Hostel to UPVC windows. Discussion arose as to why other Malham properties had been declined UPVC windows. Further information to be obtained.

8) Finance

Parish accounts have been reviewed by the Internal Auditor. Accounts for the Year Ended 5 April 2011 approved and signed off at the Parish Council meeting dated above.

Bank positions reported for May 2011:

a/c 1 £13,030.94

a/c 2 £12,229.59

Bank positions reported for June 2011:

a/c 1 £13,254.59

a/c 2 £16,178.42

This is noted as the bank position to the end of June, not taking into account unrepresented receipts and payments.

9) Community

- a. LAFSC and Brochure – J Tod suggested advertisers in the Malhamdale Brochure should be given free advertising space in the Malham toilet notice board. The notice board has paid for itself with previous years advertising and has many adverts not updated in the past couple of years. ST will contact advertisers offering free notices which should be sent directly to JT.
- b. Village enhancement – letter received re Parish Caretaker scheme, due to excessive applications and limited funding the Malhamdale application would not be considered.
- c. Village Green – No further correspondence.
Public questions arose as to why the Parish Council are not submitting legal letters addressing the change of ownership of land adjoining the village green with potential implications to alternative access routes around the village green. Public opinion present would like to ensure the matter is not laid to rest.
The Parish Council provide assurance that they continue to address the ongoing legal matter, considering the views of the local community.
- d. Traffic and transport – Applications have been made with Sgt Moorhouse re ad hoc speed check devices in Kirkby Malham and Hanlith. PD proposed any other concerns of speeding 'hot spots' to be directed via himself to be coordinated with Sgt Moorhouse.
- e. Scooter Club – Parish Council received one objection to the group visit booked on the Malham Show Field Car Park. Discussions had regarding disruption to village businesses and behavioural aspects from a proportion of the group. Safety of young children in the village over the period was a concern for village families. Decision to verbally recommend (via CW) that the Malham Show committee do not accept a repeat booking of this nature. Following the outcome of the decision from the forthcoming Malham Show Committee meeting, a written request may be required.

- 10) **Environment** – YDNP signs re seeding of grass verges to deter tourism parking not yet available. Seed has been applied and beginning to take effect, however continued parking on the verge will hinder growth.

11) Correspondence

- CW has successfully applied for a grant to secure an internet linked weather station to be situated at Kirkby Malham Primary School. Estimated cost £2,000. The grant secures 70% funding due to the school location. The 30% balance proposed to come from the LAFSC fund. All present voted unanimously in favour.
- J Tod raised comments re display of PC minutes in village notice boards, in correspondence PD had made copies of all minutes available to JT, however non had been requested.
- Invoices received to be passed to the treasurer for payment, details to be covered in future financial report.
- The Craven Area Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 7th July at 10am.
- General administrative fees invoice for £106 has been received relating to the May 2010 Parish Council election.

12) AOB

- Payment made to the Lengthsman for work completed.
- Brian Jackson away during July and requested AB to obtain the milk churn key and empty car parking honesty box during his absence. AB to liaise with BJ.
- IS noted disrepair of public phone box. Request to be made to the Lengthsman to clean/tidy phone box but not to repaint.